

SIX SENATORS PRESENT.

EDMUNDS OFFERS A SARCASTIC RESOLUTION, WHICH IS ADOPTED.

Senator Teller Makes a Speech on the Financial Measure and Defends His Vote of Yesterday—A Denial That Any Compact Had Been Made With the Democrats.

When the Senate called to order at 10 o'clock this morning the chamber presented a deserted appearance. There were only six Senators in their seats—four Republicans and two Democrats, viz: Messrs. Edmunds, Dixon, Washburne, Hale, Gorman and Faulkner.

After the prayer Mr. Edmunds sarcastically suggested that it was proper to give gentlemen who lived in a distant part of the city an opportunity to appear and attend to their legislative duties.

He therefore moved a recess for thirty minutes. But seven Senators responded to their names on Mr. Edmunds' motion—not a quorum—and a call of the Senate was ordered. Mr. Edmunds then appearing on the floor, Mr. Edmunds moved a resolution requesting the Sergeant-at-Arms to invite gentlemen to appear at their own convenience. After the lapse of three-quarters of an hour a quorum appeared, and the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

The President Officer laid before the Senate the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the repair of the custom-house at Chicago, referred.

Mr. Hearst introduced a bill for the payment of the French Spoliations Claims. A dispute arising as to the proper reference of the measure to the Committee on Finance, and disclaiming any responsibility for the contents of the documents introduced, Mr. Hearst moved a resolution of public periodicity, which was referred.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the Financial bill and was addressed by Mr. Teller.

He said a bill had been pending before the Senate for weeks, the importance of which he did not understand, and the benevolent purpose of which he did not understand, yet yesterday, with a full knowledge of the subject, he had voted to bring it, with a full consciousness, however, that he was in the discharge of duty, as he saw it, he had voted to lay that bill aside and take up the present measure.

He knew when he did that that he should renew the slander that had been perpetrated for the last eight or ten months outside and even in this chamber by the effect of the bill, that the measure of silver had entered into an alliance with the opponents of the Election bill, and in return for their votes in favor of free coinage.

During his public life he had never replied to a slander against him in the public press, nor had he ever done so when times in every man's life when the ordinary course might be departed from with propriety. But when a slander is more unfounded than published than the statement that there had been a coalition between Republican Senators and the Democrats on the other side were opposed to the Elections bill.

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He did not understand the importance of the economic question. Believing that that question was one of paramount importance, he had voted to lay aside the Elections bill in order to take up the economic question. His remarks were not an apology for himself or his colleagues, but they were an explanation of the financial bill. They would answer to the people and to their constituents.

Passing to Mr. Sherman's speech, he declared that it was a composition of nothing but assertions as to what would follow the passage of the bill. He was sure that the passage of the bill would result in a financial crisis, and he was sure that the passage of the bill would result in a financial crisis.

Therefore the utterances of the Senator fell upon the country with no effect, not because there was anything in his statements, but because of the accidental position he had occupied, and the reputation he had heretofore made.

HOUSE.

The House today passed Senate bill for the relief of the duties on the bark of California, bill to limit government the changing of vessels names; bill requiring vessels to display their names on both sides of their bows.

Mr. Dingkey moved to repeal the law authorizing the President to suspend tonnage duties, and after some discussion, the bill was passed.

THE DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

Senator Harboun Introduces the South Capitol Street Bridge Bill.

Mr. Harboun introduced in the Senate today a joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to make a survey, plan and estimate of the cost of constructing a bridge across the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River in the District of Columbia.

This is the proposed South Capitol Street bridge.

This resolution is the same as the one introduced in the House last April by Mr. Campbell and which is now on the calendar of the Committee of the Whole in that body.

House District Committee today reported favorably the bill to pay for the condemned in square No. 83. It was originally introduced by Mr. Crata by resolution. The bill as presented provides that there be appropriated a sum sufficient to pay, with interest at 6 percent from August 1, 1870, to the date of the approval of this act, the persons entitled to the amount awarded by the jury of condemnation for the land taken for any highway through square No. 83, in the city of Washington.

GENERAL GROSVENOR'S VIEWS

Of the Chances in the House of a Free Coinage Bill.

It seems to be the general opinion that the Senate will pass Senator Stewart's amendment to the Financial bill, which provides for the free coinage of silver. Whether free coinage will have smooth sailing in the House or not is a question that is agitating the minds of the statesmen in and out of Congress.

Congressman Grosvenor does not believe a free-coinage bill would be passed by the House. He is of the opinion that enough Democratic votes could be mustered to defeat it. At the last session twenty-five Democratic members signed a resolution of coinage. Mr. Grosvenor believes that at least forty would do so now.

SICK SENATORS.

Senators McPherson and Hearst in a Critical Condition.

Senator John H. McPherson of New Jersey is a very sick man. His trouble is gastritis. He has been confined to his bed since last Saturday. He is in such a precarious condition that even his most intimate friends are not permitted to see him.

Senator Hearst is still very low, and his recovery is doubtful. He was at one time reported to be dead, but happily it was a false report. Should Mr. Hearst join the silent majority at this time his successor would be a Republican, that party having a heavy majority in the Legislature of California. He term does not expire until 1903. With Re-

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